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REPORTS ZIRCONIUM, TITANIUM IN MECKLENBURG

FOUND ALONG BALTIC COAST -- Der Demokrat, No 30, 4 Feb 50

The Rostock Field Station of the Mecklenburg Geological Institute has reported the discovery of valuable chemical elements in the sands along the Baltic coast. The principal elements found were zirconium and titanium ores, which occur in parallel strata 5-10 centimeters thick and about half a meter apart. The ores are important in the production of glass and for the manufacture of high-quality electrodes used in welding and founding, as well as for the production of high-grade industrial steel.

TO DETERMINE OCCURRENCE OF AMBER -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 68, 21 Mar 50

The Geological Institute of Land Mecklenburg has been commissioned by the German Democratic Republic to determine the occurrence of amber along the Baltic coast of Mecklenburg. Initial explorations are to start in April.

BEGINS MINING NEW COPPER DEPOSITS -- Die Wirtschaft, No 21, Nov 49

On 22 October 1949 -- 5 months earlier than expected -- copper slate mining was started on the 460-meter level in the Sangerhausen Mine of the Mansfeld Copper and Slate Mining enterprise. The new mine, which is still under construction, will be the largest copper-mining installation in Europe when it is completed. Large-scale operation is scheduled for 1951, and by 1956 the employees are expected to number 5,000. The total area of the new mining center is 25.5 million square meters.

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